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SUBJ: RACIST PARTY CAUSES PRE-ELECTION STIR

- 1. AN ULTRA RIGHT WING FRINGE PARTY RUNNING ON A PLEDTE TO "KEEP HOLLAND WHITE" HAS CAUSED ONE OF THE FEW STIRS IN AN OTHERWISE TRANQUIL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. POLITICIANS, DEMONSTRATORS AND NEWSPAERS EDITORS HAVE CALLED FOR LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE NETHERLANDS PEOPLES UNION (NEDERLANDSE VOLKSUNIE, NVU) FOR ITS RACIST SLOGANS AND POSTERS.
- 2. RESPECT FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS TEMPERED IN THE NETHERLANDS BY A STERN ATTITUDE TOWARD RACISM. DUTCH LAW MAKES IT A CRIME TO UTTER RACIST REMARKS IN PUBLIC AND INDIVIDUAL PARTY MEMBERS COULD BE PROSECUTTED FOR RACIST STATEMENTS. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MAY TRAY TO BAN THE NVU ENTIRELY AS AN ASSOCIATION ACTING "CONTRARY TO PUBLUC ORDER AND GOOD MORALS". ALTHOUGH THAT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY AT THIS LATE STAGE.
- 3. THE NVU IS PARTICULARY REPUGNANT TO MOST DUTCHMENT BECAAUSE OF ITS IMPLICIT ASSOCIATION WITH NAZISM (THE PARTYS SYMBOL WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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FORMERLY USED THE SS) AND FOR THE MEMORIES IT EVOKES OF THE PRO NAZI DUTCH NATIONAL SOCIALIST BOND OF THE ERA. HOWEVER NVU LEADERS HOPE THAT A REACTION AGAINST "GUEST WORKERS", SURINANESE AND OTHER NON WHITES WILL PRVIDE ENOUGH VOTES TO PUT LIST LEADER JOOP GLIMMERVEEN INTO THE SECOND CHAMBER. GLIMMERVEEN NARROWLY MISSED ELECTION TO THE HAGUE CITY COUNCIL TWO YEARS AGO. SHOULD HE BE ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT, GLIMMERVEEN

WOULD BE IMMUNE FROM PROSECUTION AND THE GOVERNMENTS CHANCES
OF BANNING NVU WOULD EVAPORATE.
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